

High Growth Occupations in Arizona 2005-2015

Arizona continues to be a state in high demand, as shown by high growth in both job creation and population increase. Recent state rankings place Arizona in the top two for percentage growth in both population and job creation. Growth can be measured as a percentage, or numerically. Measured numerically, Arizona job and population growth regularly places in the top five among states.

For those interested in the Arizona job market, it is helpful to know how all the growth in Arizona is distributed among different occupations. Which occupations are in high demand? High demand is often measured by percentage growth, but numerical growth should also be considered. Because some individual occupations have a much larger employment base to start with, they will have a larger number of openings despite a slower growth rate percentage. For example, Pharmacy Technicians (49% growth) are projected to grow about 18% faster than Customer Service Representatives (31% growth). However, during the same time period (2005-2015), Customer Service Representatives are projected to have over six times as many new jobs (approximately 19,500) compared to Pharmacy Technicians (approximately 2,900).

On the pages following this narrative are lists of high growth occupations based on occupational forecasts produced by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Research Administration. It is important to note that the numbers presented should be viewed as indicators of relative magnitude and probable direction rather than absolute measures. The first lists ranks the top 100 growth occupations by percentage growth and the next lists ranks the top 100 by numerical growth.

The list of high percentage growth occupations has many health care and education (Teachers) occupations, along with some computer related occupations. The list of high numerical growth has many sales, customer service, construction, and administrative support occupations, but also on the high numerical growth list are occupations in health care, teaching, and computer related occupations.

The final list includes the occupations that appear on both lists, occupations in the top 100 for both high percentage and high numerical growth. Just to mention a few occupations on this final list: Registered Nurses, Elementary School Teachers, Computer Software Engineers, Medical Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers, and Teacher Assistants.

Another factor to consider is the ratio of separations (workers leaving an occupation) compared to base employment and growth. When occupations have an unusually high number of openings from separations, it can indicate high turnover and/or that many workers use this occupation as a "stepping stone", "stop-gap", or "survival job", until they can move on to something else. The occupational projections data provided by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Research Administration itemizes the projected number of openings from separations as well as the openings from growth for each occupation.

Note that this is only a sample of the occupational data available and the readers are encouraged to also review the files at <http://www.workforce.az.gov/?PAGEID=67&SUBID=144>

High Percentage Growth Occupations 2005-2015 Arizona Statewide¹

Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) ²		Employment		10 Year Change		Average Annual Openings		
SOC Code	SOC Title	2005 Estimated	2015 Projected	Number	Percent	Due to Growth	Due to Separations	Total ³
15-1081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	3,876	5,967	2,091	53.9%	209	46	255
25-2041	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School	2,277	3,484	1,207	53.0%	121	54	175
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	671	1,023	352	52.5%	35	13	48
29-1071	Physician Assistants	1,494	2,277	783	52.4%	78	23	101
31-9092	Medical Assistants	8,292	12,618	4,326	52.2%	433	153	586
19-1042	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	464	692	228	49.1%	23	8	31
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	5,884	8,771	2,887	49.1%	289	77	366
25-2042	Special Education Teachers, Middle School	792	1,179	387	48.9%	39	19	58
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	991	1,473	482	48.6%	48	17	65
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	2,413	3,585	1,172	48.6%	117	79	196
29-1111	Registered Nurses	33,936	50,300	16,364	48.2%	1,636	710	2,346
25-1064	Geography Teachers, Postsecondary	88	130	42	47.7%	4	2	6
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	2,636	3,889	1,253	47.5%	125	23	148
29-2031	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	1,008	1,484	476	47.2%	48	19	67
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	1,128	1,660	532	47.2%	53	15	68
31-9091	Dental Assistants	5,608	8,219	2,611	46.6%	261	157	418
47-2044	Tile and Marble Setters	2,905	4,252	1,347	46.4%	135	45	180
17-2031	Biomedical Engineers	147	215	68	46.3%	7	3	10
25-1062	Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary	103	150	47	45.6%	5	2	7
25-1192	Home Economics Teachers, Postsecondary	66	96	30	45.5%	3	2	5
27-2032	Choreographers	482	700	218	45.2%	22	30	52
29-1051	Pharmacists	4,368	6,331	1,963	44.9%	196	85	281
21-1099	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	839	1,216	377	44.9%	38	16	54
25-1124	Foreign Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	294	426	132	44.9%	13	7	20
29-9091	Athletic Trainers	174	252	78	44.8%	8	4	12
25-1021	Computer Science Teachers, Postsecondary	1,757	2,543	786	44.7%	79	40	119
25-1111	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers,	222	321	99	44.6%	10	5	15
25-1122	Communications Teachers, Postsecondary	321	464	143	44.5%	14	7	21
25-1125	History Teachers, Postsecondary	209	302	93	44.5%	9	5	14
25-1194	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	2,241	3,237	996	44.4%	100	51	151
25-1123	English Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	1,373	1,983	610	44.4%	61	31	92
25-1065	Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary	151	218	67	44.4%	7	3	10
25-1022	Mathematical Science Teachers, Postsecondary	1,107	1,598	491	44.4%	49	25	74
19-4092	Forensic Science Technicians	648	935	287	44.3%	29	15	44
25-1042	Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	624	900	276	44.2%	28	14	42
25-1081	Education Teachers, Postsecondary	344	496	152	44.2%	15	8	23

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25-1199	Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	3,827	5,517	1,690	44.2%	169	86	255
25-1011	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	1,853	2,670	817	44.1%	82	42	124
25-1066	Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary	321	462	141	43.9%	14	7	21
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	1,191	1,714	523	43.9%	52	16	68
25-1126	Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary	164	236	72	43.9%	7	4	11
29-2011	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	2,006	2,883	877	43.7%	88	54	142
25-1193	Recreation and Fitness Studies Teachers, Postsecondary	198	284	86	43.4%	9	5	14
25-1067	Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary	83	119	36	43.4%	4	2	6
25-1121	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	632	906	274	43.4%	27	14	41
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	3,964	5,668	1,704	43.0%	170	74	244
25-2012	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	2,783	3,979	1,196	43.0%	120	33	153
31-1011	Home Health Aides	9,348	13,347	3,999	42.8%	400	123	523
25-1051	Atmospheric, Earth, Marine, and Space Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	150	214	64	42.7%	6	3	9
25-2043	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	1,105	1,574	469	42.4%	47	26	73
25-1061	Anthropology and Archeology Teachers, Postsecondary	59	84	25	42.4%	3	1	4
15-1061	Database Administrators	2,142	3,047	905	42.3%	91	22	113
15-1071	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	4,079	5,790	1,711	41.9%	171	45	216
29-2053	Psychiatric Technicians	1,453	2,061	608	41.8%	61	19	80
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	554	784	230	41.5%	23	10	33
29-1123	Physical Therapists	2,813	3,978	1,165	41.4%	117	28	145
29-2033	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	376	530	154	41.0%	15	7	22
31-2011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	179	252	73	40.8%	7	2	9
39-3019	Gaming Service Workers, All Other	861	1,211	350	40.7%	35	26	61
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	1,341	1,882	541	40.3%	54	22	76
23-2011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	3,312	4,635	1,323	39.9%	132	27	159
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	36,154	50,540	14,386	39.8%	1,439	798	2,237
43-4111	Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	3,855	5,386	1,531	39.7%	153	100	253
29-2071	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	3,825	5,338	1,513	39.6%	151	55	206
31-1013	Psychiatric Aides	837	1,166	329	39.3%	33	11	44
15-1031	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	7,778	10,835	3,057	39.3%	306	77	383
29-2012	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	2,368	3,296	928	39.2%	93	64	157
27-2023	Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials	1,091	1,518	427	39.1%	43	21	64
25-9031	Instructional Coordinators	3,257	4,522	1,265	38.8%	127	50	177
29-9099	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other	1,010	1,402	392	38.8%	39	18	57
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	883	1,223	340	38.5%	34	20	54
31-2012	Occupational Therapist Aides	91	126	35	38.5%	4	1	5

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31-9094	Medical Transcriptionists	1,909	2,641	732	38.3%	73	35	108
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	7,637	10,563	2,926	38.3%	293	101	394
17-2081	Environmental Engineers	718	993	275	38.3%	28	12	40
47-4041	Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	789	1,091	302	38.3%	30	21	51
13-1079	Human Resources, Training, and Labor Relations Specialists, All Other	2,012	2,782	770	38.3%	77	34	111
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	20,189	27,909	7,720	38.2%	772	265	1,037
13-1051	Cost Estimators	4,835	6,647	1,812	37.5%	181	108	289
49-9062	Medical Equipment Repairers	268	368	100	37.3%	10	8	18
39-6022	Travel Guides	296	406	110	37.2%	11	8	19
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	4,454	6,103	1,649	37.0%	165	78	243
15-1032	Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	5,478	7,505	2,027	37.0%	203	54	257
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	18,290	25,046	6,756	36.9%	676	515	1,191
29-2099	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	292	399	107	36.6%	11	5	16
47-2171	Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	911	1,244	333	36.6%	33	18	51
25-2032	Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School	876	1,196	320	36.5%	32	25	57
25-9041	Teacher Assistants	19,879	27,137	7,258	36.5%	726	384	1,110
33-9091	Crossing Guards	1,189	1,620	431	36.2%	43	38	81
39-9021	Personal and Home Care Aides	13,943	18,987	5,044	36.2%	504	223	727
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	2,705	3,682	977	36.1%	98	31	129
11-9032	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	3,742	5,092	1,350	36.1%	135	93	228
19-2043	Hydrologists	397	540	143	36.0%	14	7	21
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	6,370	8,664	2,294	36.0%	229	76	305
29-1199	Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other	2,871	3,900	1,029	35.8%	103	62	165
47-2022	Stonemasons	1,667	2,264	597	35.8%	60	25	85
13-1199	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	9,900	13,413	3,513	35.5%	351	169	520
47-2141	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	14,835	20,064	5,229	35.2%	523	226	749
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	5,949	8,039	2,090	35.1%	209	130	339
47-3012	Helpers--Carpenters	3,852	5,204	1,352	35.1%	135	160	295

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²Occupational Titles are from the Standard Occupational Classification System (SOC). SOC "roll-ups" were not included in this list. For more information on the SOC, go online to: www.bls.gov/soc/socguide.htm

³Total Openings equals openings from growth plus openings from separations. Separations occur when workers leave an occupation, creating an opening in that occupation.

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41-2031	Retail Salespersons	79,780	105,423	25,643	32.1%	2,564	2,900	5,464
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	62,960	82,463	19,503	31.0%	1,950	936	2,886
47-2031	Carpenters	50,457	67,566	17,109	33.9%	1,711	821	2,532
29-1111	Registered Nurses	33,936	50,300	16,364	48.2%	1,636	710	2,346
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	47,199	62,077	14,878	31.5%	1,488	2,046	3,534
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	36,154	50,540	14,386	39.8%	1,439	798	2,237
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping	38,065	50,582	12,517	32.9%	1,252	722	1,974
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	46,824	58,968	12,144	25.9%	1,214	2,409	3,623
41-2011	Cashiers	67,813	79,654	11,841	17.5%	1,184	3,299	4,483
37-3011	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	35,042	46,332	11,290	32.2%	1,129	763	1,892
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	59,838	70,909	11,071	18.5%	1,107	1,325	2,432
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	29,340	37,295	7,955	27.1%	796	553	1,349
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	23,888	31,614	7,726	32.3%	773	845	1,618
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	20,189	27,909	7,720	38.2%	772	265	1,037
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	44,950	52,389	7,439	16.5%	744	1,469	2,213
25-9041	Teacher Assistants	19,879	27,137	7,258	36.5%	726	384	1,110
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	25,488	32,611	7,123	27.9%	712	669	1,381
13-2011	Accountants and Auditors	25,243	32,302	7,059	28.0%	706	477	1,183
47-2061	Construction Laborers	32,659	39,617	6,958	21.3%	696	435	1,131
49-9042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	25,081	31,924	6,843	27.3%	684	482	1,166
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	18,290	25,046	6,756	36.9%	676	515	1,191
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	32,865	39,574	6,709	20.4%	671	629	1,300
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	22,373	28,310	5,937	26.5%	594	550	1,144
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	26,825	32,682	5,857	21.8%	586	438	1,024
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	32,323	37,969	5,646	17.5%	565	581	1,146
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	20,903	26,229	5,326	25.5%	533	439	972
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	21,883	27,199	5,316	24.3%	532	449	981
47-2141	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	14,835	20,064	5,229	35.2%	523	226	749
39-9021	Personal and Home Care Aides	13,943	18,987	5,044	36.2%	504	223	727
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	34,562	39,605	5,043	14.6%	504	647	1,151
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	18,715	23,727	5,012	26.8%	501	172	673
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	15,213	19,853	4,640	30.5%	464	259	723
35-1012	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	16,471	21,076	4,605	28.0%	461	392	853

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43-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	27,633	32,204	4,571	16.5%	457	593	1,050
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	17,298	21,864	4,566	26.4%	457	536	993
33-9032	Security Guards	21,654	26,018	4,364	20.2%	436	471	907
31-9092	Medical Assistants	8,292	12,618	4,326	52.2%	433	153	586
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	17,011	21,195	4,184	24.6%	418	453	871
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	14,546	18,663	4,117	28.3%	412	450	862
31-1011	Home Health Aides	9,348	13,347	3,999	42.8%	400	123	523
43-3011	Bill and Account Collectors	10,745	14,497	3,752	34.9%	375	203	578
47-2051	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	10,588	14,263	3,675	34.7%	368	213	581
35-9021	Dishwashers	13,838	17,457	3,619	26.2%	362	467	829
13-1199	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	9,900	13,413	3,513	35.5%	351	169	520
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	9,906	13,294	3,388	34.2%	339	228	567
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment	10,940	14,308	3,368	30.8%	337	281	618
47-2081	Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	10,739	14,046	3,307	30.8%	331	233	564
15-1041	Computer Support Specialists	12,196	15,432	3,236	26.5%	324	150	474
39-9011	Child Care Workers	10,985	14,084	3,099	28.2%	310	299	609
51-2092	Team Assemblers	18,541	21,614	3,073	16.6%	307	479	786
15-1031	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	7,778	10,835	3,057	39.3%	306	77	383
23-1011	Lawyers	11,279	14,301	3,022	26.8%	302	145	447
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee	10,779	13,764	2,985	27.7%	299	704	1,003
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	12,782	15,763	2,981	23.3%	298	331	629
11-9199	Managers, All Other	16,735	19,683	2,948	17.6%	295	326	621
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and	7,637	10,563	2,926	38.3%	293	101	394
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	5,884	8,771	2,887	49.1%	289	77	366
11-9021	Construction Managers	9,478	12,236	2,758	29.1%	276	172	448
41-2021	Counter and Rental Clerks	8,551	11,246	2,695	31.5%	270	328	598
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	11,426	14,052	2,626	23.0%	263	363	626
11-2022	Sales Managers	8,421	11,043	2,622	31.1%	262	155	417
35-9011	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	10,817	13,430	2,613	24.2%	261	362	623
31-9091	Dental Assistants	5,608	8,219	2,611	46.6%	261	157	418
11-1011	Chief Executives	9,981	12,582	2,601	26.1%	260	188	448
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	9,297	11,894	2,597	27.9%	260	203	463
53-7064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	16,118	18,628	2,510	15.6%	251	302	553
13-1111	Management Analysts	13,941	16,441	2,500	17.9%	250	191	441
11-3031	Financial Managers	10,018	12,482	2,464	24.6%	246	144	390
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	10,847	13,278	2,431	22.4%	243	285	528

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43-3071	Tellers	10,095	12,471	2,376	23.5%	238	497	735
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	6,370	8,664	2,294	36.0%	229	76	305
47-2181	Roofers	6,600	8,892	2,292	34.7%	229	154	383
25-2022	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational	6,587	8,792	2,205	33.5%	221	145	366
35-3011	Bartenders	8,779	10,955	2,176	24.8%	218	347	565
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	11,308	13,466	2,158	19.1%	216	317	533
33-2011	Fire Fighters	6,791	8,931	2,140	31.5%	214	197	411
15-1051	Computer Systems Analysts	7,022	9,160	2,138	30.4%	214	80	294
15-1081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	3,876	5,967	2,091	53.9%	209	46	255
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	5,949	8,039	2,090	35.1%	209	130	339
15-1032	Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	5,478	7,505	2,027	37.0%	203	54	257
29-1051	Pharmacists	4,368	6,331	1,963	44.9%	196	85	281
11-9051	Food Service Managers	9,037	10,960	1,923	21.3%	192	147	339
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	5,457	7,357	1,900	34.8%	190	106	296
49-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	7,545	9,403	1,858	24.6%	186	189	375
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	30,950	32,781	1,831	5.9%	183	1,145	1,328
13-1051	Cost Estimators	4,835	6,647	1,812	37.5%	181	108	289
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	28,290	30,095	1,805	6.4%	181	542	723
47-2021	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	6,240	8,029	1,789	28.7%	179	93	272
13-1073	Training and Development Specialists	6,167	7,936	1,769	28.7%	177	95	272
47-2082	Tapers	6,139	7,908	1,769	28.8%	177	133	310
15-1071	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	4,079	5,790	1,711	41.9%	171	45	216
53-3031	Driver/Sales Workers	6,401	8,110	1,709	26.7%	171	105	276
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	3,964	5,668	1,704	43.0%	170	74	244
25-1199	Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	3,827	5,517	1,690	44.2%	169	86	255
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	4,454	6,103	1,649	37.0%	165	78	243
43-3051	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	5,463	7,084	1,621	29.7%	162	145	307
43-4161	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll & Timekeeping	5,175	6,712	1,537	29.7%	154	112	266
43-4111	Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	3,855	5,386	1,531	39.7%	153	100	253
29-2071	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	3,825	5,338	1,513	39.6%	151	55	206
47-2211	Sheet Metal Workers	4,787	6,299	1,512	31.6%	151	115	266

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¹Top 100 high *numerical* growth occupations compiled from 2005-2015 occupational projections prepared by the Arizona Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. For a complete list, go online to : www.workforce.az.gov/?PAGEID=67&SUBID=144

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Top 26 High Growth Occupations 2005-2015 Arizona Statewide¹

Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) ²		Employment		10 Year Change		Average Annual Openings		
SOC Code	SOC Title	2005 Estimated	2015 Projected	Number	Percent	Due to Growth	Due to Separations	Total ³
15-1081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	3,876	5,967	2,091	53.9%	209	46	255
31-9092	Medical Assistants	8,292	12,618	4,326	52.2%	433	153	586
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	5,884	8,771	2,887	49.1%	289	77	366
29-1111	Registered Nurses	33,936	50,300	16,364	48.2%	1,636	710	2,346
31-9091	Dental Assistants	5,608	8,219	2,611	46.6%	261	157	418
29-1051	Pharmacists	4,368	6,331	1,963	44.9%	196	85	281
25-1199	Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	3,827	5,517	1,690	44.2%	169	86	255
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	3,964	5,668	1,704	43.0%	170	74	244
31-1011	Home Health Aides	9,348	13,347	3,999	42.8%	400	123	523
15-1071	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	4,079	5,790	1,711	41.9%	171	45	216
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	36,154	50,540	14,386	39.8%	1,439	798	2,237
43-4111	Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	3,855	5,386	1,531	39.7%	153	100	253
29-2071	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	3,825	5,338	1,513	39.6%	151	55	206
15-1031	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	7,778	10,835	3,057	39.3%	306	77	383
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	7,637	10,563	2,926	38.3%	293	101	394
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	20,189	27,909	7,720	38.2%	772	265	1,037
13-1051	Cost Estimators	4,835	6,647	1,812	37.5%	181	108	289
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	4,454	6,103	1,649	37.0%	165	78	243
15-1032	Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	5,478	7,505	2,027	37.0%	203	54	257
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	18,290	25,046	6,756	36.9%	676	515	1,191
25-9041	Teacher Assistants	19,879	27,137	7,258	36.5%	726	384	1,110
39-9021	Personal and Home Care Aides	13,943	18,987	5,044	36.2%	504	223	727
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	6,370	8,664	2,294	36.0%	229	76	305
13-1199	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	9,900	13,413	3,513	35.5%	351	169	520
47-2141	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	14,835	20,064	5,229	35.2%	523	226	749
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	5,949	8,039	2,090	35.1%	209	130	339

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